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- Issue Fee Transmittal
- Comments on Statement of Reasons For Allowance

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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1631
Jean-Louis Excoffier) !) Examiner: Mahatan, Channing
Serial No.: 09/839,949)
Filed: April 19, 2001))
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING CHROMATOGRAMS	;))

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

M/S: Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Allowability and the Interview Summary mailed on June 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application.

According to the Notice of Allowability and the Interview Summary, claim 19 is amended, and claims 84 and 85 are cancelled, to avoid prior art rejections. However, Applicant wishes to clarify that the amendment to claim 19 and the cancellation of claims 84 and 85 were not made "to avoid prior art rejections" since the last office action does not contain any prior art rejections, and all previous prior art rejections have been deemed withdrawn by the Examiner.

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